September 29 2026

The Honorable Dr. Steven Choi
Minority leader,
1201 O Street, Room 7130
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Bill 1 - Support

Dear Minority leader Dr. Steven Choi,

We are writing in support of Senate Bill 1, The Tax Relief & Spending Act.

In 1978, when Proposition 13 established Article XIII A, It was a step forward when it came to protecting the costs of housing, as well as mitigating the financial burdens placed on renters and homeowners in California. Over the course of 48 years, new legislation has found ways to increase the financial burden placed on our constituents through the usage of more costly fees, taxes, and surcharges.

We have worked to maintain affordable housing for each one of our constituents, but when legislation finds new loopholes to increase the cost of housing with fees, taxes, or surcharges it has a much bigger impact than we can handle by ourselves. This impact is not only seen through

the financial burdens placed on homeowners and renters, but also their tenants. The increase in fees, taxes, or surcharges inevitably falls onto the homeowners and renters, who then must make up the deficit by increasing the rent their tenants pay.

The use of direct voter approval by a supermajority vote to create new taxes, fees, or surcharges benefits our constituents because they now can make a choice in their legislation on a topic that they are directly affected by. The ability to mitigate the fees, taxes, or surcharges being paid for housing by our constituents not only shifts a portion of power back to the people, but also increases affordable housing, which many homeowners and renters would approve of.

For these reasons, we urge the support of SB 1.

Sincerely,

CA Housing

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